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Norwalk Man Charged with Possession of Assault Weapon

A 28-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to being in possession of an illegal firearm, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Daniel Eriberto Barcenas (dob 1/5/90) of Norwalk has been charged with a misdemeanor count of possession of an assault weapon, an AR-15 style rifle, in case 8BL01273.

Prosecutors said on Feb. 16 a teenager at a South Whittier high school reportedly made a statement perceived as a serious threat that was reported to authorities.

Law enforcement went to the minor's Norwalk home to see if the teen had any weapons, according to prosecutors. At the residence, deputies allegedly discovered guns that belonged to the teen's brother, later identified as Barcenas, prosecutors said.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on March 19 for a pretrial hearing in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.

If convicted as charged, Barcenas faces a maximum possible sentence of 364 days in county jail.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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